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six weeks basic training which included close order drill, range practice, maneuvers, and/or bivouacs, and intense political training. Recruits received a clothing issue consisting of one old khaki uniform, but after basic training we received a complete new uniform, boots, etc. All uniforms of the Hungarian Air Force had epaulets which denoted rank. The epaulets of the lower four grades were sewn on the shoulders of the uniforms. From the rank of Staff-Sergeant and up, the epaulets were removable and were made of hard cardboard covered with cloth.

2. The points hereunder refer to sketch, Enclosure (A):

POINTS

- 1..... Soft, cloth epaulet of a Private, sewn on the shoulder of the uniform and nothing more than a plain khaki shoulder flap, 10 cm long, 3 cm wide.
- 2..... Khaki colored, soft cloth epaulet of a Private First Class, sewn on shoulder of uniform, with one, 5 mm wide silver stripe, 2 cm from the edge.
- 3..... Khaki colored, soft cloth epaulet of a Corporal, sewn on shoulder of a uniform, with two silver stripes, 5 mm wide, 2 cm from the edge.
- 4..... Khaki colored, soft cloth epaulet of a Sergeant, sewn on shoulder of uniform, with three silver stripes, 5 mm wide, 2 cm from edge. Silver stripes were spaced 1 cm from each other.
- 5..... Hard cardboard, cloth covered epaulet of a Staff Sergeant. It has a white edge, three mm wide, and a gold "T" seven mm wide on a medium blue background.
- 6..... The epaulet of a Tech Sergeant has a white edge, 3 mm wide, a gold "T", seven mm wide with one seven mm wide gold stripe, five mm from the cross-bar of the "T", on a medium blue background.
- 7..... The epaulet of a Master-Sergeant has a white edge, three mm wide, with a gold "T", two gold stripes five mm from the cross-bar of the "T", on a medium blue background.

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- 8..... The epaulet of a Lieutenant Jr. Grade is hard cardboard, cloth covered with a roll of fancy gold thread, three mm wide on the edge and a three mm wide white stripe around the epaulet. A five pointed silver star is super-imposed on a four mm wide gold stripe which bisects the medium blue background two cm from the outer edge of the epaulet. (The officers' stars used to have six points but the new regulation states that the stars will be five pointed.)
- 9..... The epaulet of a 2nd Lieutenant has a roll of fancy gold thread edge, three mm wide, and a white stripe, three mm wide, around the epaulet. It has one, five pointed gold star on a medium blue background, two mm from the outer edge of the epaulet.
- 10..... The epaulet of a 1st Lieutenant has a roll of fancy gold thread, three mm wide, around the outer edge, with a white stripe three mm wide, just inside the gold thread. Two five pointed gold stars are on a medium blue background, two cm from the outer edge of the epaulet and three mm from each other.
- 11..... The epaulet of a Captain has a roll of fancy gold thread, three mm wide, around the outer edge, with a three mm side white stripe just inside. Three five pointed gold stars are on a medium blue background, two cm from the outer edge of the epaulet, and spaced three mm from each other.
- 12..... The epaulet of a Major has a roll of fancy gold thread, three mm wide, and an inner edge of white cloth, three mm wide. It has a 1.5 cm wide, woven gold thread stripe across a medium blue background. A five pointed gold star is spaced seven mm from the gold thread stripe in the middle of the medium blue background.
- 13..... The epaulet of a Lt. Colonel has two five pointed gold stars, seven mm from the gold thread stripe. The stars are spaced three mm from each other.
- 14..... A Colonel's epaulet has three five pointed gold stars.
- 15..... A Brigadier General's epaulet is red, covered with close woven gold thread, with a large gold thread oak leaf superimposed. One large silver thread, five pointed star is superimposed on the oak leaf, two cm from the edge of the epaulet.
- 16..... A Major General's epaulet has two large silver thread five pointed stars, spaced three mm apart.
- 17..... A Lt. General's epaulet has three large silver thread five pointed stars, three mm apart. The General Officer's trousers and breeches has two red stripes, each three cm wide and two cm apart, that run down the sides. The garrison hats have a two cm wide red stripe on the lower side, and a two mm wide red piping around the outer edge of the crown.
- 18..... The Hungarian Air Force collar insignia, completely gold plated. The sketch of the insignia is drawn twice its normal size. This insignia is worn by airforce cadets, 1st three graders, and officers below the rank of General.
- 19..... Collar board of cloth covered cardboard, two cm wide and six cm long. It was standard equipment on all uniforms. The Generals' collar board was made like their epaulets, but without stars. The collar boards of all other ranks have a white edge, two mm wide, and a blue background. The collar boards are pointed at one end and diagonal at the other.
- 20..... Aircraft insignia is painted on both sides of the fuselage, about one meter from the tail, and on the underside center of both wings of the YAK-9's and YAK-10's. It consisted of a five pointed red star; the outside ring was red, the next ring white and the center ring green. The insignia is fifty cm in diameter.
- 21..... Overseas cap with metal insignia consisting of a five pointed maroon star on a bronze colored background. This measured two cm in diameter.

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- 22..... Winter khaki blouse of the armed forces, including the airforce. Collar boards are attached. It has a heavy leather belt, four mm thick, five cm wide with a metal alloy buckle. The blouse had oxidized, brass buttons which do not have to be polished, two and one half cm in diameter.
- 23..... Full length wool, khaki colored trousers. The leather belt is two mm thick and two cm wide, with a metal alloy buckle.
- 24..... Wool overcoat, full length, winter issue, with collar board. The belt from the blouse is used for the overcoat.
- 25..... Boots, calf length. The lower part is black, the top part light brown. The trouser legs are worn inside the top part of the boots.
- 26..... Political Officer's sleeve insignia, worn on the upper left sleeve of the shirt, blouse and overcoat. It is a five cm pentagon of gold strips, with a large, five pointed red star, that has a smaller five pointed gold star superimposed on it.
- 27..... Garrison hat insignia of brass, four cm in diameter, with a thin brass edge of one mm. Maroon background, with a small, red, white and green square flag near the bottom, a red star near the top, brass sheaves on each side and a brass hammer and head of wheat in the middle.
- 28..... Airforce Pilots' wings are made of gold spangles, with a five pointed red star of thread and two thin green branches of thread around the top of the star. The emblem is sewn to the blouse above the right breast pocket. Technical officers, crew chiefs (NCO's) and Chief Mechanics wore the same type of wings over the right breast pocket. These wings are made from silver spangles and the star has a hammer and a monkey-wrench above it. The hammer and monkey wrench are made of grey thread. Wings were nine cm long and one and one half cm wide.
3. Rank on summer uniforms is designated by a cloth square similar to the epaulets and is worn on the left arm above the elbow. The cloth square is five cm long and four cm wide. The summer uniform consists of a dark green shirt, khaki colored flannel trousers, boots and overseas cap. Officers also had riding breeches and boots. First three graders received 1,200 clothing points which are equivalent to 1,200 forints every four years. They could take these points to the clothing warehouse and exchange the points for clothing. Officers received 1,600 points every four years for clothing.

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